



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 20, 1998

S. 231

National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act of 1997

As cleared by the Congress on October 10, 1998

S. 231 would direct the National Park Service to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in New Mexico. It would allow the Department of the Interior to accept gifts and donations (which are recorded as governmental receipts), and the department could spend any amounts received without the need for appropriation action. CBO estimates that the amounts involved are not likely to be significant. Because any such governmental receipts and direct spending would likely offset each other, we estimate no net budgetary impact for pay-as-you-go purposes.

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